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Students in Costume Competition on Halloween Day

VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

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To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

Term 2 Begins

Hello to all of our very happy families here at Van Phuc. This month we will give you a roundup of end of term news and an idea of the activities coming up.

The last day of term was very colourful and exciting with lower school classes having Trick or Treat activities and visiting the older classes for candy. The games were a lot of fun and the children really enjoyed getting dressed up in costumes.

The Student Council took responsibility for organizing a lunchtime activity for the older students and they arranged for a costume competition with prizes. The winner of the competition was Hoang Anh from 4C.

Everyone returned to school after the break full of enthusiasm and excitement. Classes were straight back to work learning and having fun.

Teacher's Day

The children were very enthusiastic about celebrating Teacher's Day and recognizing their important contribution to their growth and education. They made many cards and flowers to present to the teaching staff.

A very special thank you to the many many parents who showed their appreciation on Teacher's Day.

Student Council

Our Council has elected a President and Vice President of the group. Congratulations go to Nathaniel Hoang Dickerson the Student Council President and Nguyen Tu Anh the Vice President.

Their first activity at Halloween was an important learning opportunity as they realized that running an event needs careful planning, and flexibility as often the unexpected may occur.



Students at Christmas Fair (school year 2013-14)



Staff at First Aid Training



Staff at Mini Progressive Dialogue

The Council arranged the decoration of the canteen, the music to be played, the organisation of the costume competition, prizes, MC, the certificates for winners, and clean up.

At their next meeting they had a debrief of what worked well, and how they could improve next time. The Student Council also decided to arrange a fundraising opportunity for students to donate to Operation Smile. All of the Council members were responsible for collecting donations from the classes and collating the results. They had a very successful Christmas themed event and raised 8,617,000VND. They have other activities planned to support this charity.

Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 13 December at 9.30-12.00 at Van Phuc school. We will be celebrating in conjunction with Hanoi Towers Kindergarten. There are many fun-filled and exciting activities planned for children of all ages. Santa will be wandering around to have pictures taken with students and families, and many things to play, eat and make.

All profits will go towards Operation Smile (www.operationsmile.org.vn) Vietnam. We look forward to seeing you there.

A concert of Christmas music presented by the classes will be held on the the last day before the Christmas break. The Lower school will perform in the morning and the Upper school in the afternoon.

Teachers Learning

This month some of our teachers completed an update of their First Aid Certificates. Staff from across Kinderworld schools and Kindergartens joined together at SIS@Van Phuc to do their training. This will ensure that there is trained staff at all locations.

On 22 and 29 November staff from across KinderWorld campuses also joined at SIS@Van Phuc to learn about the recent developments in the company and receive an update on the new school at Gamuda which is currently being built.

Staff was assured that Van Phuc would remain in its current very central and convenient location.

A Featured Teacher

Having 9 years of experience, Ms Pham Huyen Trang has worked with Vietnam Singapore school for the past 7 years. She has been one of the teachers who worked here at the dawn of the school.



A sample history lesson by Ms Trang



Parents in a group activity in Coffee Date



4D Integrated perform a song in Coffee Date

To students, she is a good teacher who is always wholehearted in teaching and caring for students.

At the beginning of school year 2014-2015, she had two pieces of good news: she achieved the Second Prize in the contest of Good Teaching in History held by Ba Dinh Department of Education and Training as well as being appointed as Deputy Head of Vietnamese Studies by SVIS. Congratulations to Ms Trang!

We wish you success with the new role and that you will always be loved by students and colleagues.

Coffee Date

Our regular Parent Coffee date was held on 28 November and the discussion was about the development of the school to meet student and parent needs.

The parents helped give their ideas on

- How we could provide a better service
- Other activities we could provide for ASA
- The qualities of a great teacher
- Places and people who could extend the students learning

Year 4 students also sang one of their Christmas songs.

Exam Timetables

Please be aware that exams for the Vietnamese program will take place 15-18 December and the English exams will be after the Christmas break 12-21 January.

A parent information night on Assessment of the English programme will be held on 9 December to explain the format of exams and allow parents to ask any questions.